



# WORLD CAFÉ

After lunch, attendees worked in small groups for a World Café discussion to identify priorities for community engaged research, as well as successes and challenges for engaging in community-university partnerships. For more information and resources on the World Café method visit [theworldcafe.com](http://theworldcafe.com).

## TABLE DISCUSSION PROMPTS AND THEMES IDENTIFIED INCLUDED:



What are the skills and dispositions that university stakeholders need to have to engage with community ethically?

be open to change, respectful, safe

**LISTEN** and be transparent

equitable, collaborative partnerships

boots on the ground in communities

shared power, mutually beneficial

How could CEnR be used as a tool for equity and social change?

listening, patience, humility

acknowledge different values & belief systems

equitable division of funding

collaboration, not competition

let go of the "Savior Complex"

How do we honor community expertise from planning, resourcing to dissemination?

co-create enriching partnerships through shared cultural practices and creativity

**EQUITY**

think outside your lived experience

**TRANSPARENCY:** identify roles & expectations

commit time, energy & resources

Please enjoy the graphic recordings on the next page by Terry Laban from Breakthrough Visuals that summarize major themes that emerged from the panel presentations and discussions.

There is **OPPORTUNITY** in our current situation

**GETTING to the HEART of COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH & PARTNERSHIPS**  
with Kristen Goessling

- LEGIBILITY
- VISUALIZING
- RECOGNIZING

**PACT**  
Community-engaged research to reduce health disparities and save lives  
with Dawn Witherspoon & Carmen Henry-Harris

**PACT as an EXEMPLAR: PARTNERSHIP in ACTION**

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATION is IMPORTANT!**

**It's all about Relationships**  
ARE THE BASIS OF EVERYTHING  
But its not always recognized

**TRUST** is ESSENTIAL but hard to establish

**COMMUNITY + UNIVERSITY = PARTNERSHIP**

**It's not a Hierarchy**

**3 PILLARS**  
OUTREACH  
GATHERING  
COMMUNITY

**Belonging**  
But that implies exclusion

INDIVIDUAL, CONTEXTUAL & INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE is all related

Our **HUMANNESS** can get in the way

**COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH WORK GROUP LAUNCH MEETING**

**Panel Presentations**

**COMMUNITY-ENGAGED GEOHUMANITIES as ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT:**  
Insights from North Carolina & Alabama  
with Mark Ortiz

**GEOHUMANITIES**  
Smells are a manifestation of injustice

**HOV FARMs**

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** emerged in the south  
Toxic WASTE

**REVOLUTIONARY JOY**  
Engaging through puppetry & poetry

**ENGAGE THROUGH LENS OF HAUNTING**  
Applying Smithson's Creative Commons to talk about history

**Positionality**  
Work influenced by Oakland Community history

**How can we DECOLONIZE research tools?**

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY-CENTERED RESEARCH PROJECT**

- Translate research into action
- Build community capacity
- Measure impact

**EXTENSION NEEDS TO VALUE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**

**BUILDING SUSTAINABLE & EQUITABLE COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**  
with Justine Lindemann & Kristina Brant

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
An important part of land-grant institutions

**PDP Program Development Process**  
Determines how time & resources are allocated

**Different models for Collaboration between communities and researchers**

**COALITION CHECK-UP EQUITY PLUS PROJECT**  
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**Make sure community members benefit!**

**Master Gardener Program**

PennState Social Science Research Institute

**WE WANT TO LEAVE A TRACE WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNITY**

Leave a footprint

**RESEARCHERS should be OK with slowing down**

**RESEARCH must be RESPONSIVE**  
We need moral courage

**COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH WORK GROUP LAUNCH MEETING**

**Panel Discussions**

BE transparent with community partners

**STORYTELLING is crucial**  
Disseminate messages!

Make sure communities are involved

**How do we KEEP GOING WHEN TRUST is being SHATTERED?**  
Identify things we can do together to move forward

**BUILD CAPACITY**  
Create diverse COALITIONS with broad STAKEHOLDERS

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